Amendments to the MRTP act and FERA

654. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering some major amendments to the MRTP Act and FERA; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Some proposals for amendment of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 and Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 are under consideration of the Government.

Implementation of drug price upheld by Supreme Court

655. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1392 given in Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the price fixed by Government under DPCO 1979 of each medicines and drug involving each of these 12 companies and what is the present price being charged for each medicines and drug by each of these companies; and

(b) what are the reasons for which action under Essential Commodities Act has not been taken against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The number of bulk drugs & formulations involved are very large and hence the details required and price are quite voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(b) Appropriate action under due process of Law is taken to recover the amount for the companies.

Recovery from M|s. Warner Hindustan

656. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1554 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1987 and state:

(a) when was the Revenue authorities asked to recover the amount of Rs. 106.36 lakhs overcharged by Warner Hindustan in respect of Isokin Tablets, Liquid and Pyridium Tablets as arrears of land revenue;

(b) what action has been taken by the Revenue authorities;

(c) whether the amount has been recovered; and

(d) if so, when and if not, what are the reasons for the delay in the recovery of the amount?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Revenue authorities were asked to recover the amount of Rs. 106.36 lakhs from M|s. Warner Hindustan on 10th July, 1987.

(b) to (d) M|s. Warner Hindustan was later on amalgamated with M/s. Parke Davis (India) Ltd. who have filed a writ petition in the Bombay High Court challenging the recovery of the amount in question.

Writ petition challenging Government fixed prices of Vitamin preparations By M|s. Warner Hindustan and M|s. Parke Davis

657. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1386 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1980 and state:

(a) when the drug companies, Warner Hindustan and Parke Davis challenged